



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Markey:

This is in response to your letter of February 20 asking what actions the Administration plans to take in response to alleged Pakistani assistance to North Korea. The Secretary has asked me to respond on his behalf.

We take this matter very seriously and are cognizant of our responsibilities under the law. As noted in the enclosed letter to the congressional leadership, we continue to follow this issue closely and to raise it at the highest levels of the Pakistani government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Kelly", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated

The Honorable
Edward J. Markey,
House of Representatives.



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Dear Ms. Pelosi:

I would like to respond to concerns that have been raised with regard to proliferation in Pakistan.

As you know, the Administration carefully reviewed the facts relating to the possible transfer of nuclear technology from Pakistan to North Korea, and decided that they do not warrant the imposition of sanctions under applicable U.S. laws.

Nevertheless, we remain concerned by the potential for onward proliferation of WMD technology from Pakistan to countries of concern, and we remain deeply engaged with the Pakistani government on this issue. In the past months, Secretary Powell, Deputy Secretary Armitage, Assistant Secretary Rocca and Assistant Secretary Wolf have separately underscored our concerns to senior-most Pakistani leaders. We have outlined the seriousness of our concerns about North Korea, underscored the importance of fully implemented and effectively enforced export controls, and stressed the grave repercussions that cooperation with North Korea would have for our bilateral relationship.

We continue to follow this issue closely and to raise it at the highest levels of the Pakistani government. We have had the opportunity to do so in the course of meetings in both Washington and Islamabad in recent weeks.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Nancy Pelosi,
House of Representatives.